

Human Services Council Meeting
January 22, 2018, 7:30 PM
MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Steven Bloom, Chair	<i>Present</i>	William Kogler	<i>Excused</i>
Kimberly Adams	<i>Present</i>	Martin Machowsky	<i>Present</i>
Col. Marion (Barney) Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Michele Menapace	<i>Present</i>
Kevin H. Bell	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Fatima Mirza	<i>Present</i>
Barbara Burgess	<i>Excused</i>	Audrey Morton	<i>Present</i>
Jeff Dannick	<i>Excused</i>	Dr. Gerald Poje	<i>Present</i>
Emily Donaldson	<i>Present</i>	Alis Wang	<i>Present</i>
Robert Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Patrice Winter	<i>Present</i>
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz	<i>Present</i>		
Thomas Goodwin	<i>Present</i>		
Staff:			
Tisha Deeghan, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Michelle Gregory, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>
Lee Ann Pender, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Suzanne Lane, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Terry Reardon, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and County Staff: Linda Hoffman, Carita Parks, Daryl Washington, Joanna Hemmat, Anne-Marie Twohie, Betsi Closter, Maura Burke, Nannette Bowler, Vin Rogers, Matt Graham, Patricia Harrison, former Deputy County Executive for Human Services.

7:35 p.m. – Welcome and Overview – Chairman Steven Bloom welcomed Council members and guests and opened the meeting by introducing new Deputy County Executive Tisha Deeghan. Tisha shared that Health and Human Services is on the brink of major growth utilizing tools like the Resource Plan, the Needs Assessment and the county's One Fairfax policy. The Needs Assessment will be updated in 2019 to take into account new initiatives and challenges like the opioid crisis.

Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan – Matt Graham presented on the Housing and Community Development's strategic plan. One objective of the plan is to quantify housing needs now and for the future and identify resources. Five, 10 and 15 year housing targets have been developed. Over the next 15 years, the new housing need is more than 62,000 units. The plan currently focuses on investment of public funds and county-owned land for families that are homeless, low income, or individuals with disabilities. The message to the community is that housing affordability is a critical component of sustainability and economic growth. The plan encourages leveraging creative partnerships with developers and other stakeholders. Tools for addressing sustainable housing include land use and zoning tools, financing and down payment assistance and updating various homeownership programs.

The final report and presentation to the BOS Housing, Health and Human Services Committee is expected in spring 2018.

Equitable School Readiness Strategic Plan – Anne Marie Twohie, Betsi Closter and Maura Burke presented on the Equitable School Readiness Strategic Plan. Supporting children's school readiness is a smart investment for the whole community. It's more beneficial and less costly to support strong brain development in early years. Children who experience Early Childhood Development (ECD) are healthier, achieve a higher level of education, higher income, and are less likely to become involved with the criminal justice system. ECD includes a range of benefits including health, nutrition, attention from adults, school readiness activities, etc. Even though the county invests \$135 million annually in programs supporting ECD, 20 to 24% of kindergarteners have no pre-Kindergarten experience.

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ECD strategies include partnerships with families; high quality early childhood experiences; early intervention; quality professional learning for educators; equity-focused planning; shared accountability through use of data and engaging the community. SCYPT endorsed the year one implementation plan. BOS also endorsed the year one implementation plan.

Pat Harrison Retirement – The Council honored retiring Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison for her long and distinguished service to Fairfax County and her dedication to the Health and Human Services system.

Community Meeting with Boards, Authorities and Commissions (BACs) about HHS Resource Plan – HHS leaders, nonprofit, philanthropic and faith communities and agency directors are invited to the February 3 HSC Community meeting. This is an opportunity to share the Health and Human Services Resource Plan, develop relationships with BACs and allow Tisha to introduce herself to this important group of stakeholders. Joe Mondoro will present the plan.

Committee Updates

Partnerships Committee is reaching out to nonprofit organizations including Second Story and Artemis House. The committee is still seeking ideas for communicating with the BOS. This should include HSC members having meetings within their magisterial districts.

No announcements

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The next Full Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Government Center in Conference Rooms 2/3.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at Providence Community Center in Classroom 1.